

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial,
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on Wednesday 17th February 2011

Present: Councillors Mrs Bennee (chairman) Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Amis, Mrs Harwood, Mr Hinsby, Mr Nightingale, Mr Seekings, Mr Smith and Mr Wilkinson.

Also in attendance: District Councillors Jamie Dipple Mr Nightingale and Mr Shelton, together with five members of the public. Apologies: were received from Councillors, Mr Coggins, Rev Canon Goater, Mr Johnson, Mr Knowles, Mrs Wilson and County Councillor Mr Orgee.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January were **confirmed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The meeting closed for members of the public to speak.

The Chairman explained that a sum of money has been given by the developers, Hill Residential Limited, who are constructing the over 55's scheme of 25 new homes on Woollards Lane. Pupils at Great and Little Shelford Primary School are currently involved in creating artwork for the hoardings around the site. Public Art is a condition of the development and included in a section106 agreement. Unfortunately the guidance in the supplementary planning document for public art had not been followed and as a result the Parish Council was not consulted in advance of the work beginning.

She then introduced Lesley Morgan, Arts Development Manager at Sawston Village College and Andy O'Hanlan, Development Officer South Cambridgeshire District Council, who gave background information and explained how the current situation had come about. An extensive discussion followed with many questions being asked.

Concern was expressed that the hoardings may disappear once the development is completed and various suggestions were put forward as to where they could stand in the village on permanent display.

The school is aware of the importance of consultation and the need to work with the Parish Council and is reluctant to continue with the art project without the approval of the council. It was proposed therefore that the Parish Council would support the hoarding project and would re-visit where the final resting place should be at a later date.

It was also proposed that a representative of the Parish Council should join a public art sub-committee, to ensure the successful delivery of a 'public art scheme' in the village with the remainder of the money. There being no further questions the meeting resumed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE F & GP MINUTES

a) *Car park Lease* (minute 2a) Cllr: Mrs Hodge said the council's legal advisor is unhappy with the repairing obligations and the very high standard of maintenance and the financial consequences for the parish. He suggests that the parish council should review its position and then explain that to the landlord with a view to trying to conclude a deal.

c) *Traffic Survey* (minute 3) Referring to the proposal that an independent traffic survey should be carried out as part of the Tesco planning application Cllr: Mrs Hodge said the survey has been deemed not necessary by the County Council's Highways Department.

3. NOMINATIVE & ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Council

Cllr: Jamie Dipple said as a result of the increased kerbside waste collection, banks at supermarkets will be used for other types of recycling, such as shoes, textiles and books.

Cllr: Shelton said the District Council proposes to sell the piece of land adjoining number 1 Granhams Road, with a portion at the corner being held back to accommodate any changes at the junction. He suggested the area should be large enough to incorporate a cycle path.

Cllr: Nightingale said plans have been submitted for 13 flats on the Railway Tavern site and an injunction will be taken out against the gentleman at Hilltrees.

Police Liaison

Cllr Seekings warned people to be aware of a telephone scam; someone blocks your 'phone and then rings offering to re-instate your line for a charge of £30.

Sustainable Shelford

Cllr: Mrs Harwood said an energy monitor is being used in the village hall at the moment.

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground

Cllr: Smith said the toilets in the pavilion have been cleaned and repaired. The felting on the pavilion roof was damaged during the windy weather and needed urgent attention at a cost of £360 - retrospective **approval** was given.

The lower branches of the copper beech need pruning and the railings around the shrubs at the implement shed need to be removed. Cllr: Wilkinson will deal with the tree but questioned the removal of the railings; he feels the shrubs still need protecting.

Highways

Cllr: Nightingale said as a result of an on-site meeting with David Lines it is suggested that the parking bays in Church Street should be removed to give motorists a better view of the zebra crossing; the paintwork will also be upgraded. Letters will be sent to residents living adjacent to the parking bays asking for their views. Approval was also given for restricted parking during working hours at the post office and a sign to the cemetery on Cambridge Road.

Cemetery & Allotments

Cllr: Harwood went through her report.

Planning

Cllr: Mrs Hodge went through her report.

5. GRANHAMS ROAD JUNCTION

Proposals have been put forward for improvements at Granhams Road junction to include moving the 30mph to the other side of the bridge. With reference the District Council's proposal to sell land at the corner of Granhams Road the Parish Council supported Cllr: Shelton's view that sufficient land should be retained to incorporate a cycle path and any other proposed changes at the junction. Cllr: Shelton agreed to carry these proposals forward.

6. CEMETERY HEDGE

Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Wilkinson that the annual regrowth on the boundary hedge at the cemetery and allotments should be cut, at a combined cost of £1,040 – **approved**.

7. YOUTH SHELTER

Cllr: Smith said the area inside the youth shelter is gradually wearing away and it is proposed to have a concrete base installed at a cost of £896. The proposal was seconded by Cllr: Wilkinson and **approved** by the full council.

8. QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Cllr: Nightingale said the Feast committee is looking at how the village can celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2012. Various ideas have been put forward to include a tea party, afternoon dance and a firework display. In response to a request for financial assistance it was agreed that the council would need to see a projected schedule of costs.

9. EMERGENCY PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council has again been approached by the Council Safety Advisor and Emergency Planning Officer concerning Emergency Planning Awareness. In 2009 the council considered whether an Emergency Parish Plan should be produced; following a full discussion it was felt the emergency services would be better equipped to deal with a major incident should it occur. The Parish Councils view remains the same.

10. CO-OPTION COUNCILLOR

As no other candidates had come forward Mrs Gillian Hinsby was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

11. FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 19 accounts totalling £6,299.94, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the council will commence at 7.15pm when the committee room will be officially named the Peter Amis Room.

Several highway items raised by Cllr: Smith and will be dealt with by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9. 35pm

Chairman.....